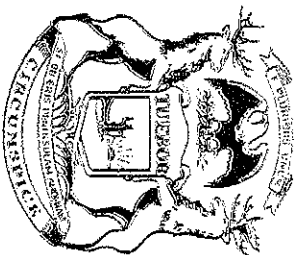


STATE OF MICHIGAN

Executive
Office



Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2009,

Women's Equality Day

Whereas, The ratification of our Constitution's 19th Amendment on August 26, 1920, marked a turning point for America as women were guaranteed the right to vote; and,

Whereas, On Women's Equality Day, we celebrate this milestone and pay tribute to the inspiring individuals who stepped forward and asked our nation to live up to its founding principle of equality for all; and,

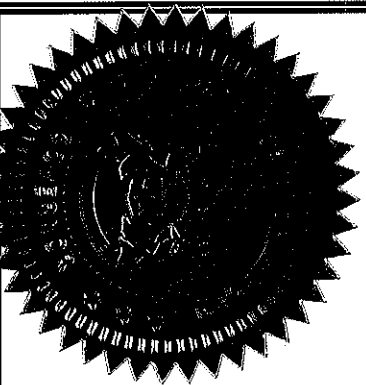
Whereas, The struggle for women's rights is a story of strong women joining together to break down the barriers to equality by demanding participation in the democratic process, career opportunities, as well as education; and,

Whereas, Women today are shaping the future through their contributions to all aspects of life, including science, law, business, education, athletics, and the arts, and are serving our country with honor and distinction in the armed forces; and,

Whereas, American women have served as examples for women in other countries in their efforts to increase their participation in civic and political life as our nation remains committed to advancing the equality of women and fighting threats to women around the globe; and,

Whereas, On Women's Equality Day, we honor the contributions and accomplishments of women throughout our history, and we pay tribute to all those who helped bring equality to women in America;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2009, Women's Equality Day in Michigan. I encourage all residents of this state to celebrate the achievements of women and observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.



A stylized signature of Jennifer M. Granholm in black ink.
Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor